THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Work paralysed at Bombay Port

1833. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether work at Bombay Port was paralysed as reported by *Financial Express* dated the 26th March, 1989;

(b) whether the losses incurred by Indian shipowners would be reimbursed to them; and

(c) whether the workers have agreed to exempt unloading of passengers and milk and butter oil to ensure that milk supplies from Mother Dairy at Calcutta and Delhi both run by NDDB are not affected due to shortages of indigenous milk arising from persistent droughts over the last 10-12 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Only three vessels of Shipping Corporation of India, M.V. "Vishva Nandini", M.V. "Vishva Madhuri" and M.V. "Vishva Kaumudi" were held up at Bombay Port due to stoppage of work during 23rd March, 1989 to 27th March, 1989 by Indian Seafarers Federation. The workers had agreed to exempt passenger vessel "Andamans" which sailed from Calcutta. Loading and unloading operations were not affected. The losses incurred by shipowners, if any, are not reimbursable.

Indians living abroad

1834. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is the number of Indians living at present in different foreign countries indicating the figures country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): Information on the number of Indians living abroad, country-wise, is being collected.

राजस्थान में जल-भूतल परिवहन का समन्वित विकास

1835. **श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान सरकार ने राज्य में जल-भूतल परिवहन के समन्वित विकास के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार को कोई प्रस्ताव भेजे हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) उस पर केन्द्रीय सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) जी, नहीं । अब तक ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं होता

Airbus-320 for Indian Airlines

1836. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines has been allowed by

the Planning Commission to exercise option on only four Airbus A-320 out of 12; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Issuance of Road Tax Tokens

1837. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that this year Road Tax Tokens are being issued at many new points, including Post Offices and Banks, without any publicity and notification;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Automobile Association of Upper India which is supposed to serve consumers and which used to set up a few Centres have discontinued the same this year without any notice to its members; and

(c) whether Government propose to give full and wide publicity in respect of the Road Tax Token Collection Centres in the city through the Press, TV/AIR in order to avoid last minute rush?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Delhi Administration have intimated that the arrangements made for collection of Annual Road Tax on motor vehicles in Delhi commencing April, 1989 have been given publicity through Press releases, insertion of special advertisements, informative filler on Doordarshan and Cinema slides. Further, 10,000 pamphlets indicating location of road-tax collection Centres of Directorate of Transport, branches of the Bank authorized for collection and post-offices, have been distributed. The A.A.U.I. has also been authorised to collect road-tax from its members.

Booking offices of Indian Airlines

1838. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines have been issuing tickets through its various offices in Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta;

(b) whether these booking offices remain open for 24 hours;

(c) whether there are no reservation forms as provided by the Railways; and

(d) if so, what are the procedures and checks to ensure that the Indian Airlines passenger is holding a ticket purchased from a travel agent and the ticket is not in the name of another person?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Designated offices of Indian Airlines at Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta remain open for 24 hours.

(c) There are no reservation forms as provided by the Railways.

(d) Indian Airlines does not have any system to check whether the passenger actually travelling is the same person as that named on the passenger ticket; on the ticket, however, it is stated that it is not transferable.